



**The Epistle
of
1 John**

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Study Charts Explained in Steps:

1. Look at the chart. The text of the passage being studied is written in the text box and divided into paragraphs showing the exact content of the segment as it appears in the NIV. Words may be omitted in this **re-creation of the text** (...), but none added; some words are capitalized for effect.

2. In the upper right corner of each paragraph is a small box with a one or two word **paragraph title** or name taken from the text which identifies the paragraph at a glance.

3. Now note in one of the paragraphs, a highlighted, underlined **key center**, comprised of a key phrase or sentence chosen as the basis for the main topical study of the whole segment.

4. Follow the two arrows to the top of chart to find the **master title** of the topical study chosen, a short phrase in one's own words of the key center of the text phrase below, Step 3.

5. On the left side of the chart are smaller boxes, one for each paragraph, containing the **paragraph points** which tie together the topical study derived from the master title and key phrase/sentence being studied. These are usually connected by lines or arrows to show the unity of the topical study based on the Scriptural segment.

6. In the margins are other studies recorded: observations that emphasize, compare or list items of interest found in the text. These are called **supplementary studies** which can add interest to this inductive approach to Bible study. Below the main chart box are more observations & implications numbered in a sizable text box which conclude the study.

*This method of Bible study using analytical charts is based on Irvin L. Jensen's book, *Acts: An Inductive Study*, pages 59-64.

Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. Acts 17:11

Study Chart #1 1John 1:1-10

THE BELIEVER IN FELLOWSHIP

John, the beloved apostle, served well as one of the leaders of the early church. He wrote five of the 27 books of the New Testament: **(1)** The Gospel of John he penned after having been a **personal participant** (eye witness) of the earthly life of Jesus Christ; **(2)** As an **authorized NT prophet**, he wrote the book of Revelation which vividly portrays future world events and the consummation of all things; **(3)** John also wrote three pastoral letters (1, 2 & 3 John) as **a zealous spiritual father**.

The date of the three epistles is between 85 and 95 AD. According to Chuck Swindoll, John had four reasons for writing 1 John: **(1)** To bring back the joy that was missing; **(2)** To help his readers live victorious lives; **(3)** To inform his readers of the deceivers among them and of the truth they needed to embrace; **(4)** To reassure believers of the absolute certainty of their salvation (p. 1369, *The Living Insights Study Bible*).

Here is the first of seven study charts on 1 John which I've entitled, **THE BELIEVER IN FELLOWSHIP**, 1 John 1:1-10. Take a look at the attached chart and discover: The Privilege, The Practice & The Price of Fellowship.

As noted in the chart summary, John desired that his readers would *walk in holiness before God and others, experience joyful fellowship, and live in God's light*. He wanted them **to remain pure through confession of sin, while carefully obeying God's Word**.

By God's enabling grace, may you and I seek to follow John's practical teaching in our personal lives, families and churches for His eternal glory!

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THE BELIEVER IN FELLOWSHIP

Eternal Life:

The Privilege of Fellowship

The Practice of Fellowship

The Price of Fellowship

To make our joy complete	<p>1:1—THAT which was from the BEGINNING, which we have HEARD, which we have SEEN with our EYES, which we have LOOKED at and our HANDS have TOUCHED—THIS we PROCLAIM concerning the WORD of LIFE. 2 The LIFE APPEARED; we have SEEN it and TESTIFY to it, and we PROCLAIM to YOU the ETERNAL LIFE, which was WITH the FATHER and has APPEARED to US. 3 We PROCLAIM to YOU what WE have SEEN and HEARD, so that YOU also may have FELLOWSHIP with us. And our FELLOWSHIP is with the FATHER and with his SON, JESUS CHRIST. 4 We WRITE this to MAKE our JOY COMPLETE.</p>	Life	Eternal Life PROCLAIMED
Walk in light & truth	<p>5—This is the MESSAGE we have HEARD from HIM and DECLARE to you: GOD is LIGHT; in HIM there is NO DARKNESS at all. 6 IF we CLAIM to have FELLOWSHIP with HIM and yet WALK in the DARKNESS, we LIE and do NOT LIVE out the TRUTH. 7 But IF we WALK in the LIGHT, as HE is in the LIGHT, we have FELLOWSHIP with ONE ANOTHER, and the BLOOD of JESUS, his SON, PURIFIES us from ALL SIN.</p>	Light	Eternal Life LIVED OUT
Confession of sin	<p>8—IF we CLAIM to be WITHOUT SIN, we DECEIVE ourselves and the TRUTH is NOT in us. 9 IF we CONFESS our SINS, he is FAITHFUL and JUST and will FORGIVE us our SINS and PURIFY us from ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS. 10 If we CLAIM we have NOT SINNED, we make HIM out to be a LIAR and his WORD is NOT in us.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	Forgive	Eternal life VERIFIED

God the Father is revealed...

...by the WORD of LIFE proclaimed

...by the MESSAGE heard & declared

...by the TRUTH & FORGIVENESS extended

- (1) The significance of **fellowship**: believers sharing things in common with the Father, with Jesus Christ, and with other believers, such as **eternal life** and other truths and Christian life experiences.
- (2) Note the many verbs: *hear* (3), *see* (3), *look*, *touch*, *proclaim* (3), *appear* (2), *testify*, *write*, *declare*, *claim* (2), *walk*, *lie*, *live out*, *purify*, *deceive*, *confess*, *forgive*, *sin*—ten verses describing both positive & negative actions! (3) In this passage, God the Father is **LIFE, LIGHT, FAITHFUL & JUST**. God as **LIFE** shows His power and self existence; as **LIGHT** He reveals His holiness & perfection; as **FAITHFUL & JUST**, His faithfulness and righteousness. (4) **Eternal Life** is the future *quantity* of life promised in God's presence forever; it also refers to the *quality* of life experienced in the present, characterized by spiritual and eternal realities given the believer through Christ. (5) John desired that his readers would walk in holiness before God and others, experience joyful **fellowship**, live in God's **light**, remain pure through confession of **sin**, all while carefully obeying God's Word. (6) **Sin in the life** of a believer: No one is exempt. Believers still **sin**. But the blood of Jesus purifies the Christian who confesses his **sin**, forgiving him and restoring him to **fellowship** with the Father and others.

Study Chart #2 1 John 2:1-14

LIVING AS JESUS LIVED

Am I abiding in Christ today, growing in my faith-experience with Him?

In a direct manner, the elderly Apostle John in 1 John 2:1-14 gave guidelines for me to observe if my spiritual walk is genuine or not: (see the study chart)

- (1) Am I obeying God's word, following His instructions? 2:1-6
- (2) Am I truly loving my brothers and sisters in Christ? 2:7-11?
- (3) Am I overcoming the enemy despite his many disguises? 2:12-14

Father, please help me to experience and exhibit these marks of true discipleship by your grace and for your glory---obedience, love, and spiritual victory!

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LIVING AS JESUS CHRIST LIVED



Obeying His Word

Loving the Brothers & Sisters



Overcoming the Evil One

Know Him if we keep His commands	2:1—My DEAR CHILDREN, I WRITE this to you SO that you will NOT SIN, BUT if anybody DOES SIN, we have an ADVOCATE with the FATHER—JESUS CHRIST, the RIGHTEOUS ONE. He is the ATONING SACRIFICE for our SINS, and NOT only for OURS but ALSO for the SINS of the WHOLE WORLD. We KNOW that we have come to KNOW HIM if we KEEP his COMMANDS. Whoever SAYS, “I KNOW him,” but does NOT DO what he COMMANDS is a LIAR, and the TRUTH is NOT in that person. BUT if anyone OBEYS his WORD, LOVE for GOD is TRULY made COMPLETE in them. <u>This is HOW we KNOW we are IN HIM: Whoever CLAIMS to LIVE in HIM must LIVE as JESUS DID.</u>	Obeys Atoning Sacrifice for sins > Righteous One
Who loves brothers lives in the light	7—Dear FRIENDS, I am NOT WRITING you a NEW COMMAND but an OLD one, which you have HAD since the BEGINNING. This OLD COMMAND is the MESSAGE you have HEARD. Yet I am WRITING you a NEW COMMAND; its TRUTH is SEEN in HIM and in YOU, because the DARKNESS is PASSING and the TRUE LIGHT is already SHINING. Anyone who CLAIMS to BE IN the LIGHT but HATES a BROTHER or SISTER is still in the DARKNESS. Anyone who LOVES their BROTHER and SISTER LIVES in the LIGHT, and there is NOTHING in them to make them STUMBLE. But anyone who HATES a BROTHER or SISTER is in the DARKNESS and WALKS around in the DARKNESS. They do NOT know WHERE they are GOING, because the DARKNESS has BLINDED them.	Command Protection from sin > the True Light
Have overcome the evil one	12—I am WRITING to you, DEAR CHILDREN, because your SINS have been FORGIVEN on ACCOUNT of his NAME. I am WRITING to you, FATHERS, because you KNOW HIM who is from the BEGINNING. I am WRITING to you, YOUNG MEN, because you have OVERCOME the EVIL ONE. I WRITE to you, DEAR CHILDREN, because you KNOW the FATHER. I WRITE to you, FATHERS, because you KNOW HIM who is FROM the BEGINNING. I WRITE to you, YOUNG MEN, because you are STRONG, and the WORD of GOD LIVES in YOU, and you have OVERCOME the EVIL ONE.	I write Forgiveness of Sins > His Name

SIN:

- References to Christ:**
- > Advocate.
 - > Righteous One.
 - > Atoning Sacrifice.
 - > True Light.
 - > From the beginning.



- Living...**
- > the believer living in Christ.
 - > the believer living in the Light.
 - > the Word living in the believer.

- > Children—been forgiven.
- > Fathers—know Him.
- > Young Men—have overcome.
- > Children—know the Father.
- > Fathers—know Him.
- > Young Men—strong overcomers.

<p>Whoever is in the Light:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Does not practice sin. > Obeys/keeps His commands. > Walks with Christ. > Lives the truth that's in him. > Loves the brothers & sisters. > Nothing makes him stumble. > Has Advocate, the Righteous. 	<p>Whoever is in the darkness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Practices sin. > Doesn't obey commands. > Doesn't walk with Christ. > Is a liar. > Hates a brother or sister. > Is blinded by the darkness. > Follows the Evil One.
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(1) Signs of my living in Christ: my obedience and love of the brethren, and victory over the Evil One. (2) God desires that I do not sin but He knows that I am weak and will still sin. (3) Sin

...breaks my fellowship but not my relationship with Him as a true child of God. (4) Regular confession is necessary to maintain fellowship with my Father (1 Jn 1:9). (5) The meaning of Atoning Sacrifice (propitiation) is satisfaction. God's justice was propitiated/satisfied, by the death of Jesus Christ, His Son, thus granting believers forgiveness of their sins. (6) "...for the sins of the whole world"(2:2)—the death of Jesus Christ is sufficient for all but effective only for those who truly believe in Him.

Study Chart #3 1 John 2:15-29

THE ANOINTING

In the Christian life, the **anointing** of the Holy Spirit is a game-changer (See 1 John 2:20 & 27). The **anointing** gives the foundation and spiritual capacity that Christians need to meet the challenges of everyday living and ministry. What is **the anointing**? For evangelical believers it is more than a sentiment of religious piety. In verse 27, the **anointing** teaches, and thus should be understood to be a Person---the Person of the Holy Spirit who indwells and empowers true believers.

Like the first century Jesus-followers who received John's letter, we too have the **anointing**, the Holy Spirit today. As seen by the main paragraph points on the left side of the study chart of 1 John 2:15-29, the **anointing** of the Holy One is shown...by our **love** for the Father, by our **knowledge** of the Truth, and by our **abiding** in Him and His teaching.

May you and I renew our commitment to God and give thanks for the gift and ministry of the blessed Holy Spirit! By our own efforts we can never live to serve and please God. But the Holy Spirit present within us can. So let's depend upon Him instead of upon ourselves.

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AN ANOINTING FROM THE HOLY ONE

Manifestations:



Anointing to Love the Father



Anointing to Know the Truth

Anointing to Abide in Him

Does the will of God	2:15—Do NOT LOVE the WORLD or anything IN the World. If anyone LOVES the WORLD, LOVE for the FATHER is NOT in them. ¹⁶ For EVERYTHING in the WORLD—the LUST of the FLESH; the LUST of the EYES; and the PRIDE of LIFE—comes NOT from the FATHER but from the WORLD ¹⁷ The WORLD and its DESIRES PASS AWAY, but WHOEVER does the WILL of GOD LIVES FOREVER.	The World is manifested
Because you know the truth <-> The promise of Eternal Life	18—DEAR CHILDREN, this is the LAST HOUR; and Antichrist as you have HEARD that the ANTICHRIST is COMING, even NOW many ANTICHRISTS have COME. This is how we KNOW it is the LAST HOUR. ¹⁹ They WENT OUT from us, but they did NOT really BELONG to us. For IF they had BELONGED to us, they would have REMAINED with us; but their GOING SHOWED that NONE of them BELONGED to us. ²⁰ BUT YOU have an ANOINTING from the HOLY ONE, and ALL of you KNOW the TRUTH. ²¹ I do NOT WRITE to you because you do NOT KNOW the TRUTH, but because you DO KNOW it and because NO LIE comes from the TRUTH. ²² WHO is the LIAR? It is whoever DENIES that JESUS is the CHRIST. SUCH a PERSON is the ANTICHRIST—DENYING the Father and the Son. ²³ No one who DENIES the SON has the FATHER; whoever ACKNOWLEDGES the SON has the FATHER also. ²⁴ As for YOU, SEE that what you have HEARD from the beginning REMAINS in you. IF it DOES, you also will REMAIN in the SON and in the FATHER. ²⁵ And THIS is what he PROMISED us—ETERNAL LIFE. ²⁶ I am WRITING these things to you about THOSE who are TRYING to LEAD you ASTRAY.	Antichrists have manifested themselves
Taught to remain in Him	27—As for YOU, the ANOINTING you received from him REMAINS in you; and you do NOT NEED anyone to TEACH you. But as his ANOINTING TEACHES you about ALL THINGS and as that ANOINTING is REAL, NOT COUNTERFEIT—just as it has TAUGHT you, REMAIN in HIM. ²⁸ And now, DEAR CHILDREN, CONTINUE in HIM, so that WHEN he APPEARS we may be CONFIDENT and UNASHAMED before HIM at his COMING. ²⁹ IF you KNOW that HE is RIGHTEOUS, you KNOW that EVERYONE who DOES what is RIGHT has been BORN of HIM.	Christ will be manifested

In the World is:

- >the lust of the flesh.
- >the lust of the eyes.
- >the pride of life.

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ALL PASS AWAY!

Remaining:

- >remained with us.
- >remains in you.
- >remain in the Son & in the Father.
- >remains in you.
- >remain in Him.
- >continue in Him.

The Verbs:

- >love. >to be.
- >come. >pass away.
- >live. >do. >hear.
- >know. >go out.
- >have. >belong.
- >remain. >show.
- >write. >deny.
- >acknowledge.
- >see. >promise.
- >lead. >receive.
- >teach. >continue.
- >appear. >bear.

(1) We should not love the world—that elaborate system of beliefs, values and practices which ignores God, leaving Him out. (2) Whoever loves and follows the world in this sense does not have love for God the Father in him, v. 15. (3) There are three avenues of temptation that believers constantly face in this world: the lust of the flesh, of the eyes, and the pride of life. (4) Adam & Eve failed all three tests in Gen. 3:6-7; Christ overcame these same three in Matt. 4:1-11. (5) The concept of remaining or abiding in 1 John is similar to the theme of perseverance in the epistle to the Hebrews. (6) What does the phrase really belong to us (v. 19) mean in context? (7) A precious promise from God for John's readers was eternal life (v. 25), a unifying theme of his letter—see 1 John 1:2; 2:17 & 25; 3:15; 5:11 & 13; 5:20. (8) Doing right as Christ did is evidence that one has truly been born of God, v. 29. (9) Do I have and demonstrate the anointing of the Holy One as shown by my love for the Father, my knowledge of the Truth, and by my abiding in Him and His teaching?

Study Chart #4 1 John 3:1-10

WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD!

In 1 John 3:1-10, John the beloved apostle, declared that believers in Christ are privileged to be called **children of God!** He highlighted the calling, position, and practices of **children of God** as noted on the attached study chart.

The way we become children of God is taught in John 1:12 where John stated, "to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." What a glorious right and privilege to believe and become members of God's family!

John wrote more about this blessed relationship and its connection to Christ's second coming: "Dear Friends, now we are the **children of God**, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2) Thank God for this blessed hope!

The attached study chart for these 10 verses includes contextual observations on the appearances of Christ, the problem of sin, & eight areas of doctrine that John touched upon.

It's good to remember that the worldly system in which we live really doesn't 'know' us because it did not know or understand Him (3:1), and we are His children! Therefore, as those 'born of God' we should love one another while sharing the incredible, life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ!

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WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD

The Calling of God's Children

The Position of God's Children

The Practice of God's Children



Called children of God	<p>3:1—SEE what GREAT LOVE the FATHER has LAVISHED on US, that we should be CALLED CHILDREN of GOD! And THAT is what we ARE! The REASON the WORLD does NOT know US is that it did NOT know HIM. 2 DEAR FRIENDS, NOW we are CHILDREN of GOD, and what we WILL BE has NOT YET been made KNOWN. But we KNOW that WHEN CHRIST APPEARS, we SHALL be LIKE HIM, for we shall SEE him as HE IS. 3 All who have this HOPE in him PURIFY themselves, just as HE is PURE.</p>	Children
Living in Him	<p>4 Everyone who SINS BREAKS the LAW; in fact, SIN is LAWLESSNESS. 5 But you KNOW that HE APPEARED, so that HE might TAKE AWAY our SINS. And in HIM is NO SIN. 6 No one who LIVES in HIM keeps on SINNING. NO one who CONTINUES to SIN has either SEEN HIM or KNOWN HIM.</p>	Sin
Doing right < Loving brothers & sisters	<p>7 DEAR CHILDREN, do NOT let anyone LEAD you ASTRAY. The one who DOES what is RIGHT is RIGHTEOUS, just as HE is RIGHTEOUS. 8 The one who DOES what is SINFUL is of the DEVIL, because the DEVIL has been SINNING from the BEGINNING. The REASON the SON of GOD APPEARED, was to DESTROY the DEVIL'S WORK. 9 NO ONE who is BORN of GOD will CONTINUE to SIN, because GOD'S SEED REMAINS in them: they CANNOT go on SINNING, because they have BEEN BORN of GOD. 10 This is HOW we KNOW who the CHILDREN of GOD are AND who the CHILDREN of the DEVIL are: ANYONE who does NOT do what is RIGHT is NOT GOD'S CHILD, NOR is ANYONE who does NOT LOVE their BROTHER and SISTER.</p>	Right

Sin: Purification from sin
Sins taken away
Continuing, or not continuing in sin

Appearances of Christ:

He Will Appear at His coming.

He Appeared to take away our sins.

He Appeared to destroy the Devil's work.

(1) **Contrasts:** children of God < children of the Devil; does what is right < does what is sinful; born of God < not God's child. (2) John carefully outlined the position, character, and earthly practices of a child of God while he/she awaits the second coming of Christ. (3) There is a difference between being in sin (the unbeliever), and sinning occasionally (the believer). (4) Three important concepts in the believer's life: moral purity, assurance of being born of God, and doing what is right. (5) Note doctrinal truths in this passage: security (we are children of God); sanctification (purify themselves); eschatology (we shall see Him as He is); redemption (take away our sins); regeneration (born of God); hamartiology (sin breaks the law); angelology (the Devil has been sinning from the beginning); & Christology (the Son of God/He is pure & righteous). (6) My prayer for our 3 children, their spouses, and for our 7 grandchildren: Father, for Your glory, may these all be protected from the deceit of Satan and the world, live godly lives, and serve You faithfully until Jesus returns. Amen!

Study Chart #5 1 John 3:11-24

GENUINE CHRISTIAN LOVE

As a young lad of 11, I received Jesus Christ as my Savior! I am especially thankful to God for His **love**, grace, mercy and faithfulness. The Apostle John presented three descriptions of sincere Christian **love** in 1 John 3:11-24, the Bible passage for this study. Take a look at these on the attached study chart. I often fall short but do want to depend more consistently on the Holy Spirit to show God's **love** to others in these ways.

(1) It's a Brotherly Love (1 John 3:11-15)

We ought to **love** one another. This is the message that Jesus gave His disciples right before His death. A negative example, one of hate, is Cain who actually murdered his own brother! The best positive example of **love** is Jesus when He gave His life for us, His enemies (3:16). **Love one another!**

(2) It's a Sacrificial Love (16-18).

And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters (3:16). There are two ways to do this---to literally die for someone, or meet the material needs they have by sacrificing our time and material resources for them. There are many opportunities for this expression of **love!**

(3) It's an Obedient Love (19-24)

Obedience to God in all things is a sure sign that we are abiding in God. The fact is that we receive from Him anything we ask because we keep his commands and do what pleases Him (3:22). Answers to our prayers depend upon our keeping His commands, and that we **love** one another.

*Dear children, let us not **love** with words or speech but with actions and in truth* (3:18).

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FEATURES OF GENUINE CHRISTIAN LOVE



It's a **Brotherly Love**

It's a **Sacrificial Love**

It's an **Obedient Love**

We should love one another
 3:11—For this is the MESSAGE you HEARD from the Cain BEGINNING: We should LOVE one ANOTHER. 12 Do NOT be like CAIN, who BELONGED to the EVIL ONE and MURDERED his BROTHER. And WHY did he MURDER him? Because HIS own ACTIONS were EVIL and his BROTHER'S were RIGHTEOUS. 13 Do NOT be SURPRISED, my BROTHERS and SISTERS, if the WORLD HATES you. 14 We KNOW that WE have PASSED from DEATH to LIFE, because we LOVE each OTHER. ANYONE who does NOT LOVE remains in DEATH. 15 ANYONE who HATES a BROTHER or SISTER is a MURDERER, and you KNOW that NO MURDERER has ETERNAL LIFE residing in HIM.

Lay down our lives
 16—This is HOW we KNOW what LOVE is: JESUS CHRIST Love LAID DOWN his LIFE for US. And we OUGHT to LAY DOWN our LIVES for our BROTHERS and SISTERS. 17 If anyone has material POSSESSIONS and SEES a BROTHER or SISTER in NEED but has NO PITY on them, HOW can the LOVE of GOD be in THAT person? 18 DEAR CHILDREN, let us NOT LOVE with WORDS or SPEECH but with ACTIONS and in TRUTH.

Keep His commands & love one another
 19—THIS is how we KNOW that we BELONG to the Confidence TRUTH and how we SET our HEARTS at REST in his PRESENCE: 20 IF our HEARTS CONDEMN us, we KNOW that GOD is GREATER than our HEARTS, and he KNOWS EVERYTHING. 21 Dear FRIENDS, IF our HEARTS do NOT CONDEMN us, we have CONFIDENCE before GOD, 22 and RECEIVE from him ANYTHING we ASK, because we KEEP his COMMANDS and DO what PLEASURES him. 23 And THIS is his COMMAND: to BELIEVE in the NAME of his SON, JESUS CHRIST, and to LOVE one ANOTHER as he COMMANDED us. 24 The ONE who KEEPS GOD'S COMMANDS LIVES in HIM, and HE in THEM. And THIS is HOW we KNOW that he LIVES in US: We KNOW it by the SPIRIT he GAVE us. 24

Love:

Significance of Love

Example of Love

Obedience of Love

- Illustrations:**
- >the murder of Abel.
 - >evil actions vs righteous actions.
 - >Christ laid down His life.
 - >sharing material possessions.
 - >pity for others.

- LIFE:**
- >passed from death to life.
 - >no murderer has eternal life.
 - >laid down His life.
 - >lay down our lives.



- The TRINITY:**
- >have confidence before GOD.
 - >believe in the name of His SON.
 - >know it by the SPIRIT.

Important Contrasts:

Cain	Christ
Evil actions (Cain)	Righteous actions (Abel)
The world hates	We love each other
Death	Life
Murder	Lay down life
Brother in need	Has possessions
Love with words	Love with actions
Love with speech	Love in truth
Hearts condemn	Hearts do not condemn

- (1) Opportunities to share my material resources are much more frequent than opportunities to lay down my life literally for others.
- (2) My confidence before God is due to obedience to Him and knowing that my heart doesn't condemn me.
- (3) Answered prayer depends on my obeying God's commands and loving others.
- (4) Keeping God's commands is evidence that He lives in me and that I live in Him.
- (5) The Holy Spirit's presence in me confirms that God does indeed abide in me.
- (6) Oh that I might learn to love God and man more and more with my actions and in truth!

Study Chart #6 1 John 4:1-21

Living in the World through the Son

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an **atonement sacrifice for our sins." (1 John 4:10).**

In 1 John 4, the Apostle John wrote about various topics: the world, the spirits, the Holy Spirit, love, abiding in God, and other matters (see attached study chart). In verse 10, he declared that Jesus Christ was sent into the world as an **atonement sacrifice**, or **propitiation**, for our sins.

According to Charles Ryrie, propitiation means to turn away wrath by an offering. In this context it was to turn away or to satisfy the wrath of God incurred by our sin, through the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ.

May you and I depend on God's power to live in this world victoriously, remembering that greater is He that is in us than he who is in the world (4:4)!

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LIVING IN THE WORLD THROUGH THE SON

1 John 4:1-21

Living...

Testing the Spirits

Test the spirits whether from God

4:1—Dear FRIENDS, do NOT BELIEVE every SPIRIT, but TEST the SPIRITS to SEE whether they are FROM-GOD; because many FALSE PROPHETS have GONE out into the WORLD. 2 This is HOW you can RECOGNIZE the SPIRIT of GOD: EVERY SPIRIT that ACKNOWLEDGES that JESUS CHRIST has COME in the FLESH is from GOD, 3 but EVERY SPIRIT that does NOT ACKNOWLEDGE JESUS, is NOT from GOD. This is the SPIRIT of the ANTICHRIST, which you have HEARD is COMING and even NOW is; already in the WORLD. 4 You, dear CHILDREN, are FROM GOD and have OVERCOME them, because the ONE who is IN YOU is GREATER than the ONE who is IN the WORLD. 5 THEY are FROM the WORLD and therefore SPEAK from the VIEWPOINT of the WORLD, and the WORLD to them. 6 WE are FROM GOD, and whoever knows GOD LISTENS to US; but whoever is NOT FROM GOD does NOT LISTEN to US. This is HOW we RECOGNIZE the SPIRIT of TRUTH and the SPIRIT of FALSEHOOD.

...in but apart from the world

- The World:**
- >gone out into the world.
 - >antichrist already in the world.
 - >the one who is in the world.
 - >they are from the world.
 - >viewpoint of the world.
 - >sent His Son into the world.
 - >the Savior of the world.
 - >we are like Jesus in this world.

Loving one Another

Let us love one another

7—Dear FRIENDS, let us LOVE one ANOTHER, for LOVE comes from GOD. Everyone who LOVES has been BORN of GOD and KNOWS GOD. 8 Whoever does NOT LOVE does NOT know GOD, because GOD is LOVE. 9 THIS is how GOD SHOWED his LOVE among US: He SENT his ONE and ONLY SON into the WORLD that we might LIVE through HIM. 10 This is LOVE: NOT that WE LOVED GOD, but that HE LOVED US and SENT his SON as an ATONING SACRIFICE for our SINS. 11 Dear FRIENDS, since GOD so LOVED US, we also OUGHT to LOVE one ANOTHER. 12 NO ONE has ever SEEN GOD; but if we LOVE one ANOTHER, GOD LIVES in US and his LOVE is made COMPLETE in US.

...with one another

- Lives/live:**
- >>God lives in us.
 - >>we know that we live in Him & He in us.
 - >God lives in them & they in God.
 - >whoever lives in love lives in God & God in them.

Testifying of the Savior

Jesus is the Son

13—This is HOW we KNOW that we LIVE in HIM and HE in us: He has GIVEN us of his SPIRIT. 14 And we have SEEN and TESTIFY that the FATHER has SENT his SON to be the SAVIOR of the WORLD. 15 If anyone ACKNOWLEDGES that JESUS is the SON of GOD, GOD LIVES in THEM and THEY in GOD. 16 And so we KNOW and RELY on the LOVE GOD has for us.

...with the Trinity

- The spirits:**
- >not believe every spirit.
 - >test the spirits.
 - >recognize the Spirit.
 - >every spirit that acknowledges.
 - >spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus.
 - >the spirit of the antichrist.
 - >the Spirit of Truth.
 - >the spirit of falsehood.
 - >has given us of His Spirit.

Abiding in God's Love

Being made perfect in love

16b—GOD is LOVE. Whoever LIVES in LOVE LIVES in GOD, and GOD in THEM. 17 This is HOW LOVE is made COMPLETE among US so that we will have CONFIDENCE on the DAY of JUDGMENT: In this WORLD we are LIKE JESUS. 18 There is NO FEAR in LOVE. But PERFECT LOVE drives out FEAR, because FEAR has to do with PUNISHMENT. The one who FEARS is NOT made PERFECT in LOVE. 19 We LOVE because HE first LOVED us. 20 Whoever CLAIMS to LOVE GOD yet HATES a BROTHER or SISTER is a LIAR. For whoever does NOT LOVE their BROTHER and SISTER, whom they have SEEN, CANNOT LOVE GOD, whom they have NOT SEEN. 21 And HE has GIVEN us this COMMAND: Anyone who LOVES GOD must also LOVE their BROTHER and SISTER.

...in love without fear

(1) **Love** in this passage: the source of love—God; the power of love—one born of God; the evidence of love—the Son sent to us; the duty of love—we ought to love one another; the promise of love—God lives in us; the confidence of love—on the day of judgment; the perfection of love—drives out fear; the proof of love—care for the brothers. (2) 4:4—“the one who is in you is GREATER than the one who is in the world.”—the Spirit of God provides assurance, peace and confidence when the believer feels weak or afraid. (3) While living in this world, our daily challenge is to examine the spirits, love one another, testify of our Savior while continuing to abide and perfect ourselves in God's love.

Study Chart #7 1 John 5:1-21

WE ARE OVERCOMERS!

How are you doing in your walk with the Lord?

These days we seem to be facing more challenges than ever in our personal lives, families, churches, and the world at large. It's easy to become discouraged. Recently the Lord has renewed my hope and courage as I've worked through 1 John, chapter five. See what I've discovered by observing this final chart study in 1 John.

Note the specific challenges John described in this chapter, things that our faith will **overcome** by God's enablement: *the World* (5:1-5), *Unbelief* (6-12), *Uncertainty* (13-15), *Sin & the Evil One* (16-19), and *Idols* (20-21). These comprise the general study outline of the passage.

Three personal reminders as I continue the journey:

(1) Since I believed in the name of the Son of God, He has given assurance of **eternal life**, and by His grace this assurance will continue, 5:12-13.

(2) When I ask, making requests according to God's will, He will answer my **prayers**, 5:15.

(3) I need to stay alert and guard my life from insidious **idols**. (see definition of idols in the text box at the bottom of the chart).

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WHAT OUR FAITH OVERCOMES

Jesus:



Faith Overcomes the World

Faith Overcomes Unbelief

Faith Overcomes Uncertainty

Faith Overcomes Sin & the Evil One

Faith Overcomes Idols

Even our Faith

5:1—Everyone who BELIEVES that JESUS is the CHRIST is Overcomes BORN of GOD, and everyone who LOVES the FATHER LOVES his CHILD as well. This is HOW we KNOW that we LOVE the CHILDREN of GOD: by LOVING GOD and CARRYING OUT his COMMANDS. In fact, this is LOVE for GOD: to KEEP his COMMANDS. And his COMMANDS are NOT BURDENSOME, for everyone BORN of GOD OVERCOMES the WORLD. THIS is the VICTORY that HAS OVERCOME the WORLD, even our FAITH. WHO is it that OVERCOMES the WORLD? Only the ONE who BELIEVES that JESUS is the SON of GOD.

Believes in the Son of God

6—THIS is the ONE who came by WATER and BLOOD— Testimony JESUS CHRIST. He did NOT come by WATER ONLY, but by WATER and BLOOD. And it is the SPIRIT who TESTIFIES, because the SPIRIT is the TRUTH. For there are THREE that TESTIFY: the SPIRIT, the WATER and the BLOOD; and the THREE are IN AGREEMENT. We ACCEPT HUMAN TESTIMONY, but GOD'S TESTIMONY is GREATER because it is the TESTIMONY of GOD: which he has GIVEN about his SON. Whoever BELIEVES IN the SON of GOD ACCEPTS this TESTIMONY. Whoever does NOT BELIEVE GOD has MADE him out to be a LIAR, because they have NOT BELIEVED the TESTIMONY GOD has GIVEN about his SON. And THIS is the TESTIMONY: GOD has GIVEN us ETERNAL LIFE, and this LIFE is in his SON. Whoever has the SON has LIFE: whoever does NOT have the SON of GOD does NOT have LIFE.

Know you have Life

13—I WRITE these things to you who BELIEVE in the NAME of the SON of GOD so that you may KNOW that you HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. This is the CONFIDENCE we have in approaching GOD: that IF we ASK anything ACCORDING to HIS WILL, he HEARS us. And IF we KNOW that he HEARS us—WHATEVER we ASK—we KNOW that we HAVE what we ASKED of him.

One born of God is safe

16—If you see any BROTHER or SISTER commit a SIN that does NOT lead to DEATH, you should PRAY and GOD will GIVE them LIFE. I refer to THOSE whose SIN does NOT LEAD to DEATH. There IS a SIN that LEADS to DEATH. I am NOT saying that you should PRAY about that. All WRONGDOING is SIN, and there is SIN that does NOT LEAD to DEATH. We KNOW that anyone BORN of GOD does NOT CONTINUE to SIN; the ONE who was BORN of GOD KEEPS them SAFE, and the EVIL ONE cannot HARM them. We KNOW that we are CHILDREN of GOD, and that the WHOLE WORLD is UNDER the CONTROL of the EVIL ONE.

The true God

20—We KNOW ALSO that the SON of GOD has COME and has GIVEN us UNDERSTANDING, so that we may KNOW HIM who is TRUE. And we are IN HIM who is TRUE by being IN HIS SON JESUS CHRIST. He is the TRUE GOD and ETERNAL LIFE. Dear CHILDREN, KEEP yourselves FROM IDOLS.

Jesus is the Son of God

Came by the Spirit, water & blood

Gives confidence

Separate from sin

Came & gave

God:

- > born of God.
- > children of God.
- > love for God.
- > the Son of God/ His Son. (9).
- > the testimony of God (3).
- > the eternal life of God.
- > the true God.

Eternal Life:

- > the Gift of eternal life.
- > the Son, the Fountain of life.
- > the Certainty of eternal life.
- > the True God & eternal life.

Sin:

- > commit a sin.
- > sin does not lead to death (2).
- > sin that leads to death.
- > all wrongdoing is sin.
- > born...does not continue to sin.



- (1) Victory over the world, unbelief, uncertainty, sin, the evil one & idols requires the constant exercise of one's faith.
- (2) Unbelief makes God a liar, so we must depend upon the Spirit of Truth to overcome unbelief, thus affirming our faith in the true God.
- (3) Eternal Life is not merely a future possession—it is also a present reality and growing relationship with Jesus Christ.
- (4) When we ask anything according to the will of God, He hears and answers our prayers.
- (5) An idol is any relationship, object or activity that dominates my thoughts, words, time and efforts more than the Person of God.
- (6) An idol exalts me and my selfish pursuits above any meaningful relationship with God. Heavenly Father, keep me from idols!
- (7) Believe: John made it very clear that believing in the Lord Jesus Christ gives assurance of salvation so that one may know and not just hope that he has eternal life.
- (8) This basic faith is evident in a believer's life as he continues to overcome the world, unbelief, uncertainties, sin, the evil one, and idols.